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ABSTRACT

A method of setting up a connection in a communication environment controlled by a communication system between a first node allocated to a first contact and a second node allocated to a second contact includes the steps of providing a contact element within the first node for the first contact, the contact element having graphic and functional properties and graphically representing the second contact, an unambiguous identification and contact data being allocated to the contact element; accessing the contact data using a program and setting up a first connection from the first node to the communication system; checking within the communication system using the unambiguous identification whether the contact element is approved by the communication system for the setting-up of connections; and setting up a second connection to the second node depending on a result of the checking.